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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Pawel Kuzan et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/813,571  
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Title : AUTOMATIC SAMPLE LOADER FOR USE WITH A MASS  
SPECTROMETER  
Grp./A.U. : 2881  
Examiner : Paul Gurzo  
  
Docket No.: 14661

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that a 3 month extension of time, until March 16, 2006, be granted in which to respond to the Initial Office Action dated September 16, 2005. The statutory fee of \$510.00 for the 3 month extension is attached. Any deficiencies in the extension of time fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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